

## **Retirement System Election Information**

A member of the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Plan who becomes employed by a school district, a community college district, a county superintendent of schools or limited state departments to perform service that is subject to coverage by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) may elect to receive credit under the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program for such service by submitting a Retirement System Election form to CalSTRS, within **60 days** of the effective date of employment in the position requiring membership in the other system. If the CalSTRS member does not elect to continue as a member of CalSTRS, all service subject to coverage by CalPERS will be reported to that retirement system.

A member of CalPERS who was employed by a school employer, Board of Governors of California Community Colleges, or State Department of Education (effective 1/1/01) or has at least five years of CalPERS credited service (effective 1/1/02) and who accepts employment to perform creditable service subject to coverage by the CalSTRS Defined Benefit Program, may elect to receive credit under CalPERS for such service by submitting a Retirement System Election form to CalPERS, within **60 days** of the effective date of employment in the position to perform CalSTRS creditable service. If the CalPERS member does not elect to continue as a member of CalPERS, all CalSTRS creditable service will be reported to CalSTRS.

The effective date of the election is the first day of employment in the position that qualified the member to make an election. The election is irrevocable and all subsequent qualifying service will be reported to the elected retirement system.

The employer has ten working days of the date of hire to provide the election package to the member once they become eligible.

**NOTE:** It is the employer's responsibility to determine if their employees are eligible to participate in CalPERS. If at a later date it is discovered that an employer has knowingly failed to enroll an eligible employee, the employer shall pay the employee's contributions, employer's contributions, interest and a \$500 per person administrative fee. (G.C. 20283)